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SUBJECT: NATO/IS VACANCY: ENGINEER/SYSTEMS ANALYST
(NAVAL TEST RANGE), NATO FORACS OFFICE (A.4)

1. NATO HAS ANNOUNCED SUBJECT VACANCY WITH CLOSING DATE
FOR NOMINATIONS APRIL 21, 1978. USNATO RECOMMENDS THAT
A U.S. CANDIDATE BE RECRUITED; IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE ADVISE
WHEN NOMINATION MAY BE FORTHCOMING. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD
HAVE TO ASK NATO TO POSTPONE NOMINATIONS CLOSING DATE
SINCE IT IS NOW ONLY ONE MONTH AWAY.

2. THE PRESENT TWO NATO FORCES SENSOR AND WEAPON
ACCURACY CHECK SITES (FORACS) OFFICE POSITIONS ARE
CURRENTLY FILLED BY ONE PERMANENT HEAD, NATO FORACS OFFICE
(NFO), AN AMERICAN, AND ONE TEMPORARY SENIOR ENGINEER,
ALSO AN AMERICAN. THE HEAD, NFO, WILL COMPLETE A THREE
YEAR TOUR IN THE SUMMER OF 1980, AND CAN BE EXTENDED.
THE TEMPORARY SENIOR ENGINEER WILL BE REPLACED BY A
PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED OFFICER, A NORWEGIAN, THIS SUMMER.
THE OTHER NATIONS INVOLVED ARE DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY,
GREECE, ITALY AND THE UK. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, MANY
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EUROPEANS CAN QUALIFY FOR THIS POSITION. HOWEVER, THE
U.S. CAN PROBABLY NOMINATE A CANDIDATE WHO IS MORE
QUALIFIED, BOTH IN A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE
SENSE. SINCE THE U.S. HAS BEEN OPERATING FORACS ACTIVITIES
FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THERE ARE PROBABLY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE
DIRECT EXPERIENCE FROM WHOM WE CAN DRAW. WE CONSIDER
THEREFORE THAT THE NATO FORACS PROGRAM AND THE ALLIANCE

WILL MOST BENEFIT FROM A US ENGINEER/SYSTEMS ANALYST
OCCUPYING THIS POSITION.

3. NATO POST DESCRIPTION FOLLOWS:

"DUTIES: UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE HEAD, NATO FORACS
OFFICE, HE ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS NATO FORACS DATA
BANK, OPERATES NATO FORACS OFFICE COMPUTER, MAINTAINS
NATO FORACS SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION CONTROL, PROVIDES
SPECIAL COMPUTER ANALYSIS FOR QUALITY CONTROL CHECKS AND
ASSISTS THE SENIOR ENGINEER IN RANGE VISITS.

UTILISING A THOROUGH BACKGROUND IN FORACS OR SIMILAR
RANGE OPERATION, INSTRUMENTATION AND DATA PROCESSING
COMBINED WITH EXTENSIVE FAMILIARITY IN PERFORMANCE
CHARACTERISTICS OF SHIPBOARD SYSTEMS SUCH AS SONAR, FIRE
CONTROL, RADAR AND NAVIGATION, HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF STATISTICAL DATA THAT IS
TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE NATO FORACS DATA BANK, A
LIBRARY OF SUMMARY OPERATIONAL DATA PERTAINING TO THE
ACCURACY OF SENSOR SYSTEMS.

HE MAINTAINS SOFTWARE CONFIGURATION CONTROL AND PREPARES
SPECIAL COMPUTER PROGRAMS.

HE CONDUCTS ANALYSES TO DETECT DEFICIENCIES IN INSTRU-
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THROUGH RANGE COMPUTERS, OR IN THE TEST PLANS PROCEDURES.

HE MAINTAINS AN EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND DATA
PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY AND SOFTWARE WITH THE US FORACS
PROGRAM. HE IS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL.

QUALIFICATIONS: THE INCUMBENT MUST POSSESS A UNIVERSITY
DEGREE IN SCIENCE OR ELECTRONICS OR HAVE ACHIEVED AN
EQUIVALENT EDUCATION THROUGH STUDY AND EXPERIENCE. HE
SHALL HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EXPERTISE IN:

A. DIGITAL COMPUTER OPERATION AND PROGRAMMING WITH
FAMILIARITY WITH FORTRAN IV OR SIMILAR HIGH LEVEL
LANGUAGE;

B. CONCEPTS, SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES
APPLICABLE TO MARITIME TEST RANGE OPERATIONS;

C. SHIPBOARD SENSOR OPERATING PARAMETERS;

D. MATHEMATICAL PROCEDURES USED IN REDUCTION OF RANGE TEST
DATA AND CAPABILITY OF APPLYING MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTI-

CAL CONCEPTS TO DATA ANALYSIS.
FLUENCY IN ENGLISH IS REQUIRED AND A KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH
IS DESIRABLE. GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. INCUMBENT MAY BE
REQUIRED TO FLY ABOARD MILITARY OR NON-SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT.

NOTE: THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE OFFERED A DEFINITE
DURATION CONTRACT NOT EXCEEDING THREE YEARS' DURATION,
WHICH MAY BE RENEWED BY MUTUAL CONSENT."

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4. CPO NSSG(US) HAS PROVIDED CLASSIFICATION OF POSITION
AS ELECTRONICS ENGINEER GS-855-13. INCUMBENT SHOULD
POSSESS BACKGROUND IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND
OPERATIONS, AND HAVE ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE OF SHIPBOARD
SYSTEMS SUCH AS SONAR, FIRE CONTROL, RADAR AND NAVIGATION.

5. IF YOU DECIDE TO RECRUIT, PLEASE ADVISE DATE WHEN
WE COULD EXPECT NAME OF US CANDIDATE SO THAT POSTPONEMENT
OF NOMINATIONS CLOSING DATE CAN BE REQUESTED FROM NATO.
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